

## MANY HANDS THROWN OUT

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### THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The Country Club Will Give a German Friday Night—Hold Peanuts for Higher Prices.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, Va., Nov. 25.—The Stemmery of the American Cigar Company in Petersburg has closed down temporarily and about 850 operatives will be out of work for a few weeks. The company has recently added many stemmers to their branches and the stemmeries have gotten far ahead of the manufacturing.

It is probable, however, that work will begin within the next two weeks. The following managers of the rooms will be out during the time: Messrs. Robert Stiles, W. V. Eanes, M. J. Sheffield, Louis C. Warren, Kenneth Ledbetter.

Thanksgiving Day will be more generally observed by the churches in Petersburg to-morrow than usual. Services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 9 o'clock and at St. John's Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock. A union Thanksgiving service will be held at Washington Street Methodist Church at 11 o'clock and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Starr. The Presbyterians will hold a joint service at the Second Presbyterian Church on Washington Street at 11 o'clock. Rev. H. W. Pratt will preach the sermon.

The Baptists will hold a joint service at the Second Baptist Church at 8 o'clock in the evening and the sermon will be preached by Dr. Taylor, of the First Baptist Church.

Captain Bennett, of the Salvation Army, will hold services at the army hall to-morrow night.

### CLUB GERMAN.

The Country Club will give a German next Friday night. The dancing will begin about half-past 8 o'clock, and the last car will leave the club-house station at half-past 12 o'clock.

Mr. Ernest Julius Judkins and Mrs. Mary E. Butler were married in Petersburg this evening.

Mr. Edgar Edmonds and Miss Rosa Crafton were also married in this city this evening.

John Dillon, a colored boy, about four years of age, was painfully hurt last night by a street car, on Sycamore Street. The boy was stealing a ride and when the conductor started the car towards him in the rear, he attempted to jump from the car. He struck his head against the asphalt pavement and was rendered unconscious.

The ladies of the Home for the Sick will serve dinner and supper to-morrow at the store formerly occupied by Mr. H. P. Harrison. The proceeds will go to the fund of the home.

There will be many foot-ball enthusiasts to go to Richmond to-morrow to attend the game of foot-ball between the Carolina and Virginia.

**Tobacco Sales.**  
The tobacco sales to-day were the largest of the season and the prices brought were as high as \$20. Petersburg is now said to pay the highest prices of any market in the State.

Spaulding peanuts are selling at 50 cents per bushel. The crop marketed thus far is very small. The farmers are holding in expectation of much better prices.

### NEW BANK.

Prominent Men in Richmond and Louisa Organize It.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LOUISA, Va., November 25.—The State Bank at Louisa has been organized to-day with a branch at Mineral, Va. E. A. Saunders, of Richmond, is president; J. B. Woody, cashier; R. L. Gordon, attorney. Capital \$20,000.

Among the subscribers to stock are: H. Crank, E. A. Saunders, R. L. Gordon, J. B. Woody, Dr. E. A. Terrell, W. J. J. N. Walker, R. N. Harris, Dr. C. W. J. Coleman, E. M. Crank, D. E. Bumpass, E. H. Poindexter.

The directors are: E. A. Saunders, Robert N. Harris, Dr. E. A. Terrell, J. Crank, J. B. Woody, R. L. Gordon, C. J. Terrell. A charter will be applied for at once and the doors will be thrown open for business the first of January.

The bank will occupy temporary quarters until a suitable building can be erected, and it is believed that the post-office site was bought for that purpose, as a gentleman closely allied with the named above was the purchaser a few days ago.

With the exception of Mr. Saunders, who is a wholesale grocer of Richmond, Va., the entire board and staff of officers are Louisa county men, and it is also given out that the bank's stock is held by people of this county.

The Bank of Louisa has been doing a splendid business since its inception in 1898, and stands to-day abreast of the foremost institutions of the State.

### SEED FARM SOLD.

T. W. Wood & Sons Discontinue Raising Seed at Chester.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHESTER, Va., November 25.—Messrs. T. W. Wood and Sons have sold their seed farm at this place and will discontinue the raising of seed here. Last Tuesday, the 17th, all of their farming implements and crops were sold. Mr. A. L. Adamson, of Manchester, bought the farm of Wood and afterwards sold it to Mr. R. H. Bruce, of this place, who has recently thoroughly repaired and renovated the old hotel and put in hot and cold water baths and lights in the first and upper rooms, and will have a most desirable hostelry for the approaching summer and spring.

Rev. J. T. Sewell is busy packing his goods to go to his new field, Madison Station, at Lynchburg. He and his wife will take the night train at Mr. C. N. Friend's, and on Thanksgiving (to-morrow) night Mr. S. A. Perkins will entertain a party at his home.

A moving panoramic exhibition of scenes in the life of our Lord will be given at Chester public school-house to-morrow night.

### COAL DEVELOPMENT.

Branch Lines Being Pushed Into Virginia Fields.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GRAB ORARD, Va., Nov. 25.—The work on the Louisville and Nashville branch railroad from Pennington Gap up through the gap of the mountains is being actively pushed. Three tunnels are

Select Your Piano For Christmas Now. \$10.00 Cash Will Secure it for Christmas Delivery.

For 40 Years  
Chase-Bros Pianos  
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Critical Musicians  
Acme of Perfection

**Chase-Hackley Piano Company.**  
"The Leading Piano House of Richmond."

being made in the Gap. The location up from the North Fork Creek up Straight Creek and on up the Pocket Valley is now ready to let to contract and work will soon be commenced on that branch line.

The Black Mountain Coal and Coke Company is having all their veins of coal speedily opened up. This is indicative of a coke plant soon to be commenced on their property in the Pocket Valley.

The Imboden Coal and Coke Company on Pigeon Fork Creek, has 125 coke ovens now in blast.

### CADETS RETURN.

Over Two Hundred Have Reported at V. M. I. for Duty.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEXINGTON, Va., Nov. 25.—More than two hundred cadets have reported for duty at the Virginia Military Institute, which resumed academic duties this morning, after a suspension of thirty days, due to outbreak of typhoid fever.

A few cadets have had their furloughs extended several days, and will return later. It is expected that all furloughed cadets will be present in a few days.

Several new men are expected.

### WAS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING HIS MOTHER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LAWRENCEVILLE, Va., Nov. 25.—In the County Court to-day, Parker Robinson, colored, charged with the murder of his mother, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. He will be sentenced later.

### Supervisors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Nov. 25.—The James City county board of supervisors met here to-day. Those attending were: Mr. J. B. Woody, president; Mr. H. P. Harrison, vice president; Mr. J. B. Woody, cashier; Mr. R. L. Gordon, attorney.

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## THE FRATERNITIES HOLD BANQUETS

Regular Fraternal Celebrations Took Place Last Evening.

The semi-annual banquet of Beta Chapter, Phi Mu fraternity, of the University College of Medicine, was held at the Jefferson Hotel last night.

A delicious menu was served, after which the following toasts were responded to:

"Sports," Dr. James White.

"Goats," Dr. A. G. Brown.

"Matrimony," Dr. Stuart McGuire.

"The Damnation of Osteopathy and Christian Science," Dr. A. G. Brown.

"The Old School and the New," Dr. W. Lowndes Peple.

"The Active Chapter," Mr. J. Blair Spencer.

"Alpha Chapter," Dr. Don Peters.

"Alumni," Mr. K. K. Briggs.

"U. M. C.," Mr. H. L. Robertson.

"Gamma Chapter," Dr. Wallace Jefferson.

Dr. Jacob Michaux was toastmaster.

The "Goats" were Dr. McGuire Newton and Messrs. Kalbaugh, '06; Wilson and Hobson, '06.

Active members, J. Blair Spencer, H. L. Robertson, I. K. Briggs, J. O. Boyd, John Broadus, W. S. Robertson, R. C. Whitehead, E. S. Cowles, Russell Cecil and Karl Blackwell. Fraternities in Urbs: Drs. Jacob Michaux, Stuart McGuire, Moses Hoge, James White, A. L. Gray, W. Lowndes Peple, T. A. Parker, Edwin Hobson, F. W. Upshur, A. G. Brown, E. G. Hopkins, Merchants, P. Gochar.

The Phi Chi Phi Fraternity held their annual banquet in the dining hall of the Lexington Hotel last night, about thirty members, representing the two local chapters—Theta and Eta, being in attendance. The menu was all that the most fastidious palate could desire and good humor prevailed to the utmost.

Dr. J. W. Henson acted as toastmaster. Toasts were proposed and responded to as follows:

The Phi Chi Phi Fraternity, by Mr. C. F. Ross.

The Goals, by Mr. R. D. Roller.

The Past, Present and Future of Theta Chapter, by Dr. C. M. Baggary.

The Medical Student's Life, by Mr. J. M. Bland.

Phi Chi Phi Fraternity, by Mr. K. K. Briggs.

Athletic Sports in College Life, by Mr. Whitmore.

The Trained Nurse, by Dr. Hugh M. Taylor.

The Lone Star State, by Mr. F. A. Hoge.

Virginia, by Mr. S. L. Craig.

The Germ Theory, by Dr. Landon B. Edwards.

The recent initiatives are Messrs. W. R. Marshall, J. S. Kiley, J. D. Healy, C. M. Blair, J. S. Kiley and W. S. Stephenson.

### REV. MR. SIMPSON HERE.

New Pastor Clay Street Church Gets a Royal Reception.

The Rev. T. McN. Simpson, formerly of Main-Street Methodist Church, Danville, Va., who was assigned by the last annual conference to the Clay-Street Methodist Church of this city, reached here, via the Southern road, last night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Simpson and family were met at the train by a committee of the church, and driven directly to the parsonage.

Here the party was received by a committee of ladies from the Parsonage Society, who installed Mr. Simpson and family in their new home. The ladies of the church had spread an elegant supper, and those who dined with the pastor and family were the official body, officers of the church, Sunday-school, Epworth League and various other organizations connected with the church, and their ladies.

After supper members of the church and community called to pay their respects.

Later in the evening the Board of Stewards called a meeting at the church, conversed with the pastor, mapped out plans for the year and spent an hour of spiritual intercourse.

Mr. Simpson is a strong man. He has served some of the best churches in the conference and done his work wherever he has been.

Mr. Simpson has a family of nine—himself, wife and seven children. He brings five of the youngest children with him, and has two attending college. From the fact of the illness of Alexandria, Va., he has a reputation of "loyal Methodist," which is so often applied to this church, was certainly exemplified again. Clay-Street has done well to secure such a man to carry her banner.

Owing to the tardiness in reaching his new field of labor, the regular Wednesday night service was dispensed with, and an informal meeting was held at the parsonage. Mr. Simpson will occupy the pulpit of his new charge next Sunday, both morning and night.

### The First Snow.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, Va., Nov. 25.—The first real snow-storm of the season came to-day. Snow has fallen steadily nearly all day, but the bulk of it has melted.

DANVILLE, Va., Nov. 25.—The first snow of the season visited Danville to-day. It began to fall early and fell at intervals during the day. It melted as it fell.

## WILL SETTLE UNCLE SAM'S PRINTING

House Committees Will be Announced Next Week by Speaker Cannon.

### RECIPROCITY BILL POSTPONED

Senate Determined Not to Pass Measure Until in December, But It Will Not Adjourn.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, Colorado Building, 14th and G Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C., November 25.

It was learned to-day that Speaker Cannon would announce the committees of the House next week, and that that body would get down to work and keep at it until the regular session comes in. It was thought yesterday that the House would have the record from its position in favor of keeping at work, in view of the action of the Senate in voting unanimously to postpone action on the Cuban reciprocity bill until the 16th day of December. But there is now no likelihood of any adjournment, and the end of the session until the regular session ends, and when that will be no man may say.

In the Senate to-day the Cuban bill was taken up, and Senator Carmack made an exceedingly strong speech against it. It is understood that there will be desultory discussion of the bill when a quorum is present. But it is not thought there will be a quorum on hand many days between this and the end of the extra session. Perfunctory sessions every third day, lasting a few minutes, will probably be the rule.

### WOULD NOT HEED.

The administration may seek to put forth the proposition that it has won a victory by the refusal of the House to adjourn, but the fact remains that the extra session will not pass the Cuban bill, for which it was called by the President, against the advice of many of the ablest men in his party. It was not to-day that the two senators from Pennsylvania, Quay and Penrose, protested strongly against the extra session as useless, and that other men equally as influential in the Republican party also advised strongly against it. But the President would not heed their advice or protests, and he is now in a position to be in defeating his object. They have come pretty nearly demonstrating to the country that Mr. Roosevelt does not know his business.

### VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

A great deal of interest attaches to the presence here of this day of many Virginia Republicans. They arrived last night and have been together the greater part of the time at the hotels and at various points in the city. In the party are Revenue Collector Park Arnew, of Alexandria, the Republican State chairman; Judge L. L. Lewis, of Richmond; S. S. Brown, Jr., of Alexandria; United States collector; Hon. George A. Revercomb, of Allegheny county, member of the State Senate, and Judge P. W. Strother, of Giles.

The utmost efforts to induce any of the party to talk failed. Some of them said they were here solely to learn the situation in regard to the proposed wide variation of meaning. Representative Stimp, of the Ninth Virginia District, was in consultation with Judge Lewis at the Willard for some time to-day by appointment.

"You may say," said Mr. Revercomb, "we are laying plans to carry the State at the next election, and he laughed, leaving no doubt that he saw the joke.

The members of the party talked a great deal about the alleged unfair administration of the election laws of the State, and about the "regression" of registration in registering negroes who would vote the Democratic ticket, and refusing registration to those who vote the Republican ticket. I could not obtain specifications.